(b) to (d) Further to installation of ACD on Katihar-Guwahati-Dibrugarh-Ledo section of NFR, works for providing ACD in 'Vasco-Hubli-Guntkal-Renigunta', 'Ernakulam-Palghat-Chennai' & 'Banglore-Jolarpettai' sections on three Railways (Southern, South Central and South Western Railway) are presently sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 127.22 Crores. These projects are planned to be completed by March '2010.

The system is planned to be extended in a phased manner over entire Broad Gauge network of Indian Railway.

(e) Yes, Sir. The ACD equipment has been manufactured in India by Konkan Railway Corporation Limited.

Late reaching of accident relief trains

2132. SHRI D.RAJA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the time accident relief trains reach accident sites late;

(b) what are the reasons for this relaxed way of reacting to rail accidents;

(c) whether studies have been done on the ways to reduce the time it takes for the first relief train and first relief team to reach accident sites; and

(d) what steps are being taken to ensure that relief trains reach the accident site within the shortest possible time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Steps taken to ensure timely arrival of Accident Relief Trains (ART) to the accident site include close monitoring of movement of ART by senior officers and giving precedence to ART over all other trains, ensuring availability of diesel engine near locations where ARTs are stationed, progressive realignment and modification of yard layout to ensure double exit of ART, increasing of speed of ART to 100 kilometers per hour, introduction of Self Propelled Accident Relief Trains (SPART) in place of conventional ARTs and conducting of mock drills.

Refurbishing the compartment of Rajdhani trains

2133. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that most of the compartments of Rajdhani trains look very drab and dirty; and

(b) what is the current policy in respect of refurbishing the compartments to give them a clean and modern look specially on sectors of tourist interest such as Amritsar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Indian Railways have always endeavoured to improve upon the standards of amenities and cleanliness and hygiene in coaches. Coaches manufactured to a new technology to world class standards have already been inducted in select Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains. These modern